

TRIBUTE TO JAMES B. HUNTER

HON. JAMES P. MORAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 1998

Mr. MORAN of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of James B. Hunter, a longtime member of the Arlington, Virginia, County Board, who passed away on January 5.

Jim Hunter embodied what many of us strive our entire lives to achieve—a compassionate and effective blend of civic activism and public service that forms a lasting legacy.

Jim served on the Arlington County Board from 1990 until he retired, for health reasons, last September. While on the Board, Jim Hunter spoke up loudly and effectively for the rights of those whose voices are often muted.

But his record of public service encompasses much more than those seven years as an elected official. This willingness to speak up for the dispossessed began long before Jim ever held elected office. Through years of community work, he had built his reputation as a wise and dedicated public servant for years before he gave Arlington voters the opportunity to endorse his leadership through election.

Throughout his life, Jim gave of his time to raise money for groups like the United Way, and served on the boards of the Arlington County chapter of the American Red Cross and the Veterans Memorial YMCA. He was a former president of the Committee of 100, a group of concerned Arlingtonians committed to finding solutions to community challenges. He founded the Arlington Housing Corporation, an organization that works for low- and moderate-income housing and helps keep county teenagers out of trouble. He served on numerous county commissions dealing with issues as wide-ranging as law enforcement, fiscal affairs, and planning.

As a member of the County Board, he served on committees of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, including a stint as chair of COG's transportation planning board and service on boards dealing with airport noise abatement, human services, public safety, and the environment.

But aside from his generous contributions to public service, Jim demonstrated his dedication to others in his private life as well. After he and his wife, Patricia, had three children of their own, they adopted a teenage girl who has fled her native Laos with an aunt and an uncle and who was living in a two-bedroom apartment with 10 other people. This personal response to suffering was indicative of Jim Hunter's life of purposeful compassion.

A Marine Corps veteran, a loving husband, father and grandfather, a respected, indeed beloved, public servant, Jim Hunter served as a role model for an entire generation of civic activists who learned from him profound and lasting lessons about duty, responsibility, and integrity. His family, his friends, and his community will miss him, but we will also remember his commitment to the less fortunate, and in remembering, we will renew our own.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM LYLES

HON. IKE SKELTON

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say a special word in tribute to the late William R. (Bill) Lyles, a former circuit clerk for Pettis County, Missouri.

A native of Sedalia, MO, Lyles graduated from Smith-Cotton High School in 1943. After high school, he served his nation in the United States Army, fighting in both World War II and the Korean War. In between his military service, Lyles became a small businessman, operating Lyles Cleaners from August 1947 to 1964. In 1966, Mr. Lyles was elected circuit clerk of Pettis County, MO. He was re-elected to that post until his retirement on January 1, 1995.

As a lifelong civic leader, Bill Lyles made it his mission to participate in many community activities. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, American Legion Post No. 16, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 2591, Sedalia Lodge No. 236 AF&AM, Missouri Circuit Clerks Association, Missouri Child Support Association, Association of Retired Missouri State Employees, and the Pettis County Democrat Club. He was also a charter member of the Sedalia Chapter of Missouri Jaycees.

Lyles is survived by his wife Davijeane, three sons, two daughters, one brother, and six grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, Bill Lyles' military and public service makes him a role model for young civil leaders, and his closeness within the Sedalia community will be greatly missed.

TRIBUTE TO THE HENRY LOU
GEHRIG INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
MICROSOCIETY ITS 1ST ANNUAL
CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Henry Lou Gehrig Intermediate School Microsociety, an invaluable Bronx institution, which celebrated its 1st Annual Citizenship Ceremony Wednesday, December 3, 1997 in the Rotunda of the Bronx County Building.

Thanks to the efforts of some civic-minded groups in the Bronx to meet the need for increased education facilities and better prepare the youth in the Bronx for real life, the Henry Lou Gehrig Intermediate School Microsociety was established. In fact, the program prepares 6th grade students for high school after three years. It gives them the opportunity to experience real life situations, explore career opportunities, become problem solvers, understand the need for responsibility and develop leadership ability.

Mr. Speaker, the Henry Lou Gehrig Intermediate School Microsociety also encourages the youth of our Bronx to share time and en-

ergy with neighborhood improvement groups and programs for youth in our community. They gain strength, hope and leadership skills through united community involvement. Through Microsociety setting, students are able to choose jobs in their area of interest.

Mr. Speaker, I have the privilege of representing the 16th district of New York where the Henry Lou Gehrig Intermediate School Microsociety is located and I am delighted by its success.

I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to the Henry Lou Gehrig Intermediate School Microsociety, to the administration and faculty, and to the students, whose ambition and hard work will make this great institution a tremendous source of pride and success for years to come.

HONORING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE BIRTH OF GEORGE
CHAFFEY JR.

HON. JAY KIM

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, January 27, 1998

Mr. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor one of California's true pioneers—George Chaffey Jr., on the 150th anniversary of his birth.

George Chaffey Jr., who was born on January 28, 1848, emigrated with his family to Southern California from Canada in 1880, went on to found the communities of Etiwanda and Ontario, as well as developing what are now the cities of Ontario, Upland and Rancho Cucamonga. Additionally Mr. Chaffey founded the California cities of Imperial, and Calexico, as well as the Australian Cities of Mildura and Renmark.

In Etiwanda, now a part of modern day Rancho Cucamonga, George Chaffey became the first person west of the Rocky Mountains to design and install a hydroelectric power system to generate electricity that lit two towering 3,000 candlepower arc lights on his property.

The Chaffey-Garcia house in Rancho Cucamonga was the first in Southern California to use Edison's electric incandescent lamps. Chaffey also installed the world's first long-distance telephone lines, and founded the first mutual water company in California.

In Ontario, Chaffey integrated his four key principles: wide-scale irrigation of the land, construction of one main thoroughfare, establishment of Chaffey College as a branch of the University of southern California and prohibition of liquor sales.

In 1901 George Chaffey designed and built 150 miles of canal from the Colorado River to Imperial California.

In 1942, ten years after his death, the U.S. Navy launched a Liberty Ship in San Pedro named the SS George Chaffey.

It is an honor to pay tribute to this dedicated individual who through his vision and foresight helped to make the Inland Empire, and indeed California the dynamic and liveable places that they are today.